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INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Letter dated 16 December 1980 from the Permanent Representative of the  
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address to you a note from the Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations in connexion with United Nations Secretariat communications C.N.296.1980.TREATIES-13 and C.N.297.1980.TREATIES-9 dated 27 October 1980 concerning the signature on 17 October 1980, on behalf of the so-called "Government of Democratic Kampuchea", of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

I request you to circulate this information as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 76.

(Signed) V. A. KRAVETS  
Permanent Representative of  
the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic  
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Note verbale dated 16 December 1980 from the Permanent Mission of  
the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in connexion with United Nations Secretariat communications concerning the signature on 17 October 1980, on behalf of the so-called "Government of Democratic Kampuchea", of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (C.N.296.1980.TREATIES-13 and C.N.297.1980.TREATIES-9 of 27 October 1980), deems it necessary to state the following.

The signature of the above-mentioned international agreements at the Secretariat of the United Nations was completely illegal and has no legal force in that the agreements were signed by the representative of the criminal Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique, which was overthrown long ago by the Kampuchean people and cannot act on its behalf.

The fact of the matter is that the situation in Kampuchea is completely controlled by the People's Revolutionary Council, which enjoys the support of the entire Kampuchean people and has been recognized by many countries and national liberation movements. The Council is the sole legitimate Government authorized to represent the sole Kampuchean State, the People's Republic of Kampuchea, in the international arena. It is also quite evident that international treaties and agreements may be concluded on behalf of Kampuchea only by representatives duly appointed by the People's Revolutionary Council of the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations expresses its indignation at the signature of the above-mentioned international agreements at the Secretariat of the United Nations by representatives of the murderous Pol Pot-Ieng Sary puppet clique, whose bloody crimes are well known.

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